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SUBJECT: 63RD ILO CONFERENCE -- ISRAEL

1. IT NOW SEEMS LIKELY THAT CONFERENCE APPLICATION OF CON-
VENTIONS COMMITTEE WILL TAKE UP COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS'
OBSERVATIONS ON ISRAEL. USDEL SHOULD DISCUSS
TACTICS WITH ISRAELI DELEGATION ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

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2. U.S. OBJECTIVE REMAINS EQUAL TREATMENT FOR ALL ILO
MEMBERS, AS STATED IN USDEL POSITION PAPER. IF ARAB
COUNTRIES MAKE MAJOR EFFORT IN CONFERENCE COMMITTEE TO
CONDEMN ISRAEL, QUESTION MAY QUICKLY BECOME HOW FAR COM-
MITTEE WILL GO IN REFERRING TO ISRAEL CASE IN COMMITTEE
REPORT. ATTITUDE OF ISRAEL REPRESENTATIVE MAY BE CRUCIAL.
IN OUR VIEW, BEST CHANCE FOR SECURING OUTCOME COMPATIBLE

WITH USDEL POSITION PAPER WOULD BE FOR ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE TO APPEAR WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH COMMITTEE.

3. ISRAEL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS' OBSERVATIONS BEFORE CASE IS OPENED FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION. WE BELIEVE BEST APPROACH WOULD BE TO PROMISE TO SUPPLY INFORMATION REQUESTED IN EXPERTS' OBSERVATION, AND COMMENT TO LIMITED

EXTENT ON SUBSTANCE, I.E. DESCRIBE EFFORTS TO AFFORD WORKERS EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY AND TREATMENT. IF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ACCEPTS ISRAEL PROMISE TO SUPPLY REQUESTED INFORMATION, CASE WOULD NOT COME UP AGAIN UNTIL 1979 WHEN NEXT REPORT IS DUE UNDER ROTATION SYSTEM. CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CAN, HOWEVER, REQUEST REPORT FOR 1978 UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. AS FURTHER INDICATION OF WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE, ISRAEL SHOULD CONSIDER STATING THAT IT WILL REQUEST DIRECT CONTACT PROCEDURES DESCRIBED IN COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS GENERAL REPORT. AS NOTED IN PARA (E) ON PAGE 15 OF GENERAL REPORT, DIRECT CONTACT PROCEDURE WOULD PRE-EMPT ACTIVITIES OF OTHER SUPERVISORY BODIES FOR UP TO ONE YEAR. ALSO, PROCEDURE IS AUTOMATIC AND DOES NOT REQUIRE DECISION BY CONFERENCE OR GOVERNING BODY. DIRECT CONTACT WOULD PROBABLY INVOLVE NICOLAS VALTICOS OR CLAUDE ROSSILLION OF ILO STAFF, BOTH OF WHOM CAN BE RELIED ON FOR OBJECTIVITY.

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5. WORST SITUATION IN TERMS OF U.S. POSITION WOULD BE FOR ISRAEL TO REFUSE TO APPEAR BEFORE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE. THIS UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD RESULT IN PLACING ISRAEL ON SPECIAL LIST UNDER CRITERION SIX, NON-COOPERATION.

6. FOR WHATEVER USE IT MAY BE, USDEL SHOULD NOTE THAT GENERAL REPORT INDICATES THAT COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS HAS MADE DIRECT REQUESTS TO BOTH EGYPT AND JORDAN UNDER CONVENTION NO. 111, IMPLYING SOME QUESTIONS EXIST ABOUT THEIR APPLICATION OF THE STANDARDS. VANCE

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